

HOSPITAL STEAMER BLOWS UP

British Red Cross Vessel is Destroyed By Explosion in Straits of Dover, Says Boulogne Despatch.

Rumanian Force Which Crossed Danube in Hasty Retreat to Escape Enveloping Attack by Germans.

Paris, Oct. 4.—A British Red Cross steamer blew up on Sunday morning in the Straits of Dover, according to a Boulogne despatch today.

The despatch says news of the disaster was received by wireless but details are lacking.

Rumanian Forces

In Hasty Retreat

Berlin, Oct. 4.—The Rumanian forces which crossed the Danube river between the Danube fortresses of Rastukuk and Turtukal have withdrawn hastily, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters, as the result of encircling movements put in operation by Field Marshal Von Mackensen, the commander of the forces of the central powers and their allies in Dobruja.

Eaucourt L'Abbaye Is Taken By British

London, Oct. 4.—The war office announced today that the town of Eaucourt L'Abbaye, on the Somme front, for possession of which heavy fighting has been in progress for several days is now entirely in the hands of the British.

The statement says: "Eaucourt L'Abbaye has been cleared of the enemy. Otherwise there was no change. A heavy rain has fallen since morning."

French Capture 200 Germans in Trenches

Paris, Oct. 4.—A strongly fortified line of German defenses between Orval and St. Pierre Vaast Wood on the Somme front, has been captured by the French, the war office announced today. Two hundred prisoners were taken.

German Aeroplanes Chase Enemy Craft

Berlin, Oct. 4.—The Admiralty gave the following announcement today: "Naval aeroplanes from the aerodrome at Zeebrugge, Belgium, pursued an enemy air squadron. In the course of the fight which developed, an enemy aeroplane was shot down. Our machines returned safely."

British Are Nearing Fourth Line Defenses

London, Oct. 4.—An official statement issued today gives details of the fighting on the Somme front after the advance of September 15, describing the capture of villages, including Combles, Gueudecourt and Thiepval and adds:

"The victory brought our front line more than one point within a mile of the German fourth position west of the Bapaume-Transloy road."

British troops yesterday morning pushed forward from their new positions near Karajakel, on the west bank of the Struma river in Greek Macedonia and captured a part of the village of Yenikeli, says an official statement issued today. The Bulgarians launched three counter-attacks and fighting for the newly won position still is in progress.

FOUR ARE HURT IN ATTACKS ON ELEVATED CARS

New York, Oct. 4.—Four passengers on elevated trains were injured today when sympathizers with the striking street railway men showered the trains with bricks and stones from rooftops.

In all six elevated trains and three cross-town cars were attacked. There were no arrests.

Major General Scott

Is Ill In Hospital

Washington, Oct. 4.—Major General Hugh Scott, chief of staff, is undergoing treatment at a hospital here for chronic stomach trouble. It was said at the war department today that the general is improving.

ISBEL ESTATE

The will of Merriman M. Isbel has been offered for probate. The estate is about \$200. Nellie Mooney of this city and Mildred M. Isbel of Pittsfield, children, are the heirs.

MILK PRODUCERS PLAN CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION PLANT IN BRIDGEPORT

As a result of the formation of the Western Connecticut Milk Producers' association, dealers in Bridgeport and surrounding towns may have to buy their milk from a central distributing plant, where every quart may be pasteurized.

The association has appointed a committee composed of William C. Johnson, of Newtown, A. G. Barnett, Jr., of Redding and E. F. Hartwell, of New Milford to inquire into the advisability of establishing such a plant. The committee will visit plants in Providence and Poughkeepsie.

Seventy-five producers already have pledged 1,000 pounds of milk daily each, in the event that the plant is decided upon. Seventy-five others are expected to partonize the plant.

The decision of the Bridgeport health department regarding pasteurized milk, if enforced, will mean that the producers and dealers will have to make some arrangements for selling the required standard of milk. If it is not, it is believed, a central distribution plant will be desirable anyway to standardize the price of milk. A location for such a plant is to be sought by the committee.

It is pointed out that if one dealer buys for three cents a quart, his neighbor who pays four is at a disadvantage. Both the prices of buying and selling, it is expected, will be standardized.

J. A. Sherwood of Easton is president of the association; T. M. Dickinson of Roxbury, vice-president; C. F. Nichols of Easton, secretary; E. F. Hartwell, New Milford, treasurer.

The by-laws and constitution of the association are now in the hands of the printer.

New York, Oct. 4.—A conference today between Mayor Mitchell and representatives of the New York milk

distribution companies in an effort to bring about a settlement of the differences between the companies and the dairymen's league over the price of milk failed of result, according to an unofficial announcement after the meeting adjourned.

John J. Dillon, the state commissioner of foods and markets, has offered to waive a recognition of the Dairymen's League and permit the distributors to make individual contracts with the farmers. Mr. Dillon insisted, however, that the distributors pay the price demanded by the farmers—4.67 cents a quart for milk containing 3.5 per cent. of butter fat. The concession offered by Mr. Dillon was obtained through the mediation of Mayor Mitchell. Heretofore the farmers have insisted that distributors could buy only through the agency of Mr. Dillon as representative of their league.

Meanwhile, the city is receiving only one-half of its normal supply and the situation is approaching a famine stage. Milk dealers asserted today that they would be able to increase their distribution by receipt of milk from other than the usual sources, but those directing the freight of the farmers claimed that no more than 25 to 30 per cent. of the regular supply was being received.

Farmers in all the dairy sections of New York state and northern New Jersey continue to turn their milk to butter and cheese or to dump along the roads the milk that dairymen attempted to take to stations for delivery in this city.

With a glut of milk on their hands, producers have been turning the supply into butter and ice cream. Farmers who have separators make their barns the headquarters for the neighborhood and the milk is carried to a central depot.

SWEDISH UNION MACHINISTS TO HAVE OWN BODY

Decide to Organize Third Local of I.A.M. in Bridgeport at Once.

Starting with a membership of 300, a new Swedish local of the International Association of Machinists will be instituted here, it has been decided. George J. Bowen, business agent of the association here, asserted today that 1,000 members probably would be procured soon.

Bridgeport will have three locals. Local No. 30 was the first here, but this grew so rapidly that a separate local was formed for the Remington machinists. Another division will be made for the men of Swedish birth, and a committee has been appointed to procure a charter.

NASHVILLE ROAD MUST REPORT ON CAMPAIGN GIFTS

Court Orders That Officials Answer I. C. C. Questions on Funds.

Washington, Oct. 4.—Justice Stanford of the District of Columbia supreme court, rendered a decision today requiring Milton H. Smith, president, and other officials of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad to answer questions propounded by the Interstate Commerce Commission regarding its political contributions.

The court held the commission has the right to know about such contributions, not because of their political nature, but because they affect questions of the reasonableness of rates and important questions of railroad accounting.

Mr. Smith refused several months ago to answer questions of Joseph W. Folk, counsel for the commission, in an inquiry into the affairs of the Louisville & Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroads based upon a senate resolution. A series of questions dealing with alleged political contributions was submitted and approved by Chairman Mayer of the commission and unanswered by Mr. Smith on the advice of his counsel.

Recourse to the courts was had by the commission and both sides presented briefs and argued the merits orally. The railroad denied the existence of broad authority and asserted the investigation was inspired for political reasons.

Nobody Claims Body of Green, Victim of Fatality at Crossing

The body of Edward Green, the teamster who was killed in the railroad wreck yesterday morning at a grade crossing, lies at the Cullinan & Mullins morgue unclaimed. No one has called to view or inquire about the body and unless some claim is made soon he will be buried by the city.

THE WEATHER

Generally cloudy tonight and Thursday, probably rain tomorrow; north-east winds, increasing slowly.

BIG INCREASE IN NUMBER OF POLIO VICTIMS IN N. Y.

Epidemic Officially At An End, 23 New Cases and 7 Deaths Recorded.

New York, Oct. 4.—Although the epidemic of infantile paralysis is officially at an end as far as the federal medical authorities are concerned, federal inspection of interstate travel having been discontinued, a big increase was reported today in the number of new cases. In the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m. there were 23 cases, and seven deaths against eight yesterday.

HIT BY RIKER'S CAR, NEW HAVEN MAN SUCCEUMS

Frank Schirmer Dies of Fractured Skull in St. Vincent's Hospital.

As a result of the death of Frank Schirmer, aged 30, of New Haven, struck by the automobile driven by A. J. Riker, Jr., on the night of Sept. 25, at Ash Creek, a coroner's inquest has been recommended by Acting Medical Examiner Edward A. Fitzgerald.

Schirmer, who had suffered a fracture of the right thigh and was immediately admitted to St. Vincent's hospital after the accident, developed septicaemia and although he was the subject of operations by Dr. Charles C. Godfrey and other noted surgeons, science was no avail and death occurred yesterday morning.

Young Riker, who was apprehended at the time of the accident for not having a driver's license, was fined \$5 and costs when arraigned in the city court, Sept. 25. He has not since been apprehended upon the technical charge of manslaughter customarily preferred by the police in cases where death results and it is believed that on account of his high connections such action will be waived by the authorities pending the inquest, which will be held by Coroner Phelan at an early date.

Investigation by Acting Medical Examiner Fitzgerald discloses that the death of Schirmer came as a result of the automobile accident. A report to this effect was furnished to the coroner Phelan this morning, but owing to his absence from the city on other matters the coroner has not as yet set a date for hearing.

Police investigation of the case tended to show that Mr. Riker was driving in from Ash Creek, Saturday night, Sept. 23, when the New Haven man stepped out of a car and directly into the path of the automobile.

SETTLE CAR STRIKE IN ALBANY AND TROY

Albany, Oct. 4.—The strike which has tied up completely trolley service in Albany and Rensselaer since Monday and in Troy, Green Island, Cohoes and Waterford since yesterday, was settled today. Differences between the men and the United Traction Co. will be arbitrated.

The question at issue is the interpretation of a rule of the agreement of 1915.

BASEBALL HEADS WILL NOT PROBE M'GRAW CHARGE

President Tener Says Commission Will Not Act in Case.

LISTLESS PLAYING DENIED BY PERRITT

Fletcher Also Backs Up Pitcher's Defense of Team Mates.

New York, Oct. 4.—The National Commission will take no action on the statement made by Manager John McGraw, of the New York Giants, that his team played listless ball in the game yesterday when Brooklyn easily defeated the Giants and captured the National League championship. President John K. Tener of the National league said today that the commission would not take any cognizance of McGraw's remarks.

"McGraw was undoubtedly wrought up over the fact that his team could not keep on winning," said President Tener. "The Giants were suffering from the reaction of their long winning streak. I don't doubt that McGraw said harsh things but every friend of baseball will realize the fiery temper of the man who said them."

Manager McGraw could not be found today to amplify his remarks which he made shortly after he left the Giants' bench in anger during the fifth inning of the game yesterday. Art Fletcher, the shortstop, and "Poli" Perritt asserted that the New York team played the best they knew how.

Captain Jake Daubert, of the Brooklyn, says that Fletcher told him before the game that while he might like to see him win the Giants were out to win the game, if possible.

Manager Robinson, of the Brooklyn, an old friend of McGraw, said he could not understand what could have prompted McGraw's remarks unless he was angry over the fact that the Brooklyn were beating the Giants.

EMPEROR URGES ORGANIZATION OF NIPPON CABINET

Former Official Instructed to Supplant Okuma Ministry.

Tokio, Oct. 4.—The Emperor has requested Lieut. General Count Seki Terauchi, former minister of war and also formerly resident general in Korea, to organize a cabinet, in succession to the ministry of Marquis Okuma.

CORONER VISITS FATAL CROSSING IN HALL STREET

Fathers Data For Use in Connection With E. L. Green Inquest.

Accompanied by Chief Engineer John F. Trumbull of the Public Utilities commission, Coroner John J. Phelan visited the scene of the Hall street crossing wreck this morning. The tracks and positions of freight cars on sidings were carefully noted. The coroner said he might find this information useful in making his finding in the death of E. L. Green. A number of railroad engineers were waiting to testify regarding the possibility of slackening speed in the situation which confronted Engineer Burns of the wrecked train.

Freeman, Harold Hennessey of the train was a witness this morning. He was unable to leave his home in Danbury yesterday because of injuries. He testified that he knew nothing of the presence of the truck on the track until he saw the horses a short distance ahead. The force of the collision threw Hennessey against the engine boiler and he feared his shoulder was dislocated. His physician said this was not so, however. Hennessey still limps from an injured leg.

After visiting the scene of the wreck Coroner Phelan had to leave for Stamford where he made an inquiry this afternoon into the death of John Jessop who was struck and fatally injured yesterday by an automobile owned by Best & Co., of New York.

SUES FOR MOTORCYCLE

James G. Burroughs of this city has been sued for \$400 by William Piriousky of this city, who alleges his motorcycle was taken without permission and sold by Burroughs. The plaintiff also claims Burroughs took the money from the sale of the motorcycle and converted it to his own use. The suit is returnable to the common pleas court, October term.

DESERTED SEVEN DAYS AFTER HER MARRIAGE

Declaring she was deserted seven days after marriage Emma Stewart of this city has brought all her property into the superior court against William H. Stewart of Jacksonville, Fla. In addition to desertion Mrs. Stewart also alleges cruelty. The couple were married September 2, 1913.

KING STRENGTHENS HOLD ON COUNTY HENCHMEN BY ORGANIZING ASSOCIATION

MRS. WYCKOFF ALLEGES FRAUD ON PART OF HUSBAND WHO SEEKS TO GET DIVORCE DECREE IN NEVADA

Asserting that her husband is attempting to get a divorce decree in Nevada by claiming a fraudulent residence in that state, Vera Wyckoff of Stamford has asked the superior court to grant an injunction restraining Spofford Wyckoff, wealthy Stamford manufacturer, from prosecuting the Nevada action. Arguments on the motion for an injunction will be heard before Judge Gager of the superior court, tomorrow at the short calendar session.

Mrs. Wyckoff said her husband filed divorce proceedings in Nye county, Nevada, August 23 last. In this petition Wyckoff claimed to have resided in Nevada six months. Mrs. Wyckoff declares that her husband's real residence is in this state and that

he went to Nevada for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining a decree. As her residence is in Stamford and most of her witnesses reside in this section Mrs. Wyckoff says it would be impossible for her to properly defend an action in Nevada because of the great expense.

She brought action for divorce against Wyckoff in this county prior to the Nevada petition. Mrs. Wyckoff alleged cruelty. One of the alleged acts was taking her across the Arizona desert in a Ford car when the temperature was 107 degrees. The plaintiff's maiden name was Vera Bailey. Her husband's family controls the Wyckoff Pipe & Casing Co., of Stamford, a concern which furnished blocks for the Fairfield avenue paving.

J. G. WRIGHT'S BROTHER READY TO STAND GAFF?

Political Worker Under Arrest May Yet Have Opportunity to Serve Machine

The case of Joseph G. Wright, the Bridgeport politician, and his brother Nathaniel, who are at present at liberty on bonds of \$2500, charged with the theft of nearly \$10,000 worth of aluminum wire from the Union Metallic Cartridge Co., is scheduled for a hearing in the local court tomorrow morning.

It is believed, however, that Liquor Prosecutor A. E. Merritt, whom they have retained as counsel, will file a demurrer, thus allowing Judge Bartlett to hold the defendants for the superior court without the taking of testimony in city court.

It is understood that when the case is called for disposition in the higher court, Nathaniel Wright, who has confessed—according to the police—his guilt of the crime, will plead guilty to the charge, assuming all blame for the offense in an effort to save his brother from prison and disgrace and thus give him an opportunity to be of further service to the local political machine in which he long has been a busy factor.

JITNEURS' FUND TO BE RETURNED TO LOCAL BANK

Officers Say They Had No Intention of Keeping Association Money.

George Shadwald, president, and George Kiakaris, treasurer of the Bridgeport Jitney Owners' Protective association, who withdrew the funds of the organization from a local bank, amounting to \$504, before leaving this city, were located yesterday in New York.

Both men declared they had no intention of keeping the money and that they had informed many members of their organization that they were going to New York, anticipating a big jitney business, in view of the car strikes in the latter city.

The association has not as yet instituted legal proceedings, protesting the license fee imposed on them by a city ordinance which they claim is illegal, and which has been so held by courts in other cities in the state.

Dentist Schwartz Files Petition in Bankruptcy Court

Dr. Jacob W. Schwartz, a dentist, with offices on the East Side, has filed a petition in bankruptcy with the United States district court. His liabilities are given as \$5,583.77 with assets of \$75 included in stock in trade. An amount of \$4,482.77 in liabilities is scheduled as unsecured.

Dr. Schwartz's mother is a creditor for \$1,600 and Samuel S. Graves, the Fairfield avenue jeweler, his father-in-law, has a claim amounting to \$1,437.50.

Dr. Schwartz operated a dental parlor in the United building at Main street and Fairfield avenue, until he was sued recently on his lease and evicted from the premises by his mother.

NO PLATFORM SPEECHES FOR TRIP TO OMAHA

President Sticks to Decision Not to Make Stumping Tour for Votes.

On Board President Wilson's Special, Pittsburgh, Oct. 4.—President Wilson passed through here early today on the first middle western trip of his campaign. No long stops were planned before his arrival at Chicago tonight. He will speak in Omaha tomorrow night. The President will make no rear platform speeches on the way to Omaha. He took the position that he will not make a stumping tour to aid his campaign. If the President's present plans are carried out his Omaha speech, like those to be delivered later in Indianapolis, Chicago and Cincinnati, will not be partisan.

President Wilson remained at work until late last night replying to correspondence.

THESIS IN HAND, 16-YEAR-OLD IS TAKEN TO COURT

Isadore Weissbuch Arraigned on Charge of Stealing Cash.

Carrying under his arm a thesis on psychisms, by Anvernetta Greene, Isadore Weissbuch, 16 years, the erudite and precocious New York boy, who was arrested charged with stealing a sum of money, from the coat of an employee of the Mitchell Mfg. Co., was taken back to New York this morning by the prosecutor of the juvenile court in the latter city.

Weissbuch who has two older brothers, one a physician and the other a lawyer, both graduates of Harvard, surprised the police when they visited his room at 350 West avenue, by the extensive library which he had amassed in the few days he has lived in this city, and his knowledge on various subjects.

The more notable works of Shelley, the "Harvard Classics," Shakespeare, and books dealing with the mysticism of the Orient lay open about the room. The police also found, however, a list of stolen articles, which resulted in Weissbuch being jailed.

In view of his youth and the fact that he would be restored to his parents, Judge Bartlett nolleed his case.

Increase in Postal Savings For Month

Postal savings at the local post office for the month of September, while not so large as for August, still showed an increase of \$27,441. The total figures for the month at the main station and its branches were: 642 new accounts opened, 546 new accounts closed, 3,232 deposits, 1,539 withdrawals, \$91,404 deposited, \$63,463 withdrawn, balance on hand \$522,411, total open accounts 3,898.

During the year ending Sept. 31, 1915, the following business was done in the postal savings department:

	1915.	1916.
New accounts opened	2,308	6,373
Accounts closed	1,306	4,389
Number deposits	10,322	30,295
Number withdrawals	4,543	12,712
Amount deposited	\$260,507	\$766,832
Amount withdrawn	\$141,046	\$447,872
Accounts open	1,918	3,898
Balance on hand	\$203,441	\$522,411

This shows the remarkable increase in the business of the postal savings banks during 1916 over that of 1915.

State Central Committee men and All Town Chairmen of Party in Fairfield District Join For Purpose of Swinging Nominations.

Republican Delegates to Vote Solidly Hereafter or Be Condemned Politically by Machine—John T. King Own Choice for President.

By the time the members of the family begin passing around the copy of The Farmer this evening, John T. King, the well-known machine manufacturer, will be bowing to the plaudits of a gathering of admirers who have just elected him president of a new organization.

After several weeks' secret sleuthing members of the Republican town committee in this city have arranged a meeting that is being held this afternoon in the Hotel Clifford, South Norwalk, ostensibly for campaign purposes, but apparently for the further aggrandizement of Bridgeport's G. A. P. boss.

The Fairfield County Republican association is in the making this afternoon. All the chairmen of the town committees of Fairfield county, and all the members of the Republican State Central Committee have been summoned to the conference.

Officers are to be elected, and it is commonly reported that John T. King has lined up most of the invited to vote for a gent named John T. King for president. One or two of the minor offices will be thrown to the chorus from the other towns of the county, but Bridgeport is expected to corral the most desirable jobs.

To make the boys feel good, a dinner will be served after proper homage has been paid to Mr. King. The Bridgeport delegation probably will be the hosts.

The new organization will have the effect of raising the market value of county support in future elections, it is expected, and the leader will have something to barter which he is sure he has. It will take part in the coming state and national campaign also.

Those who will be members of the new organization are: John T. King, Alexander L. DeLaney, Arthur F. Connor, Bridgeport; William P. Bailey, Bethel; Edward W. Kneen, Shelton; Edmund E. Crowe, South Norwalk; and Edward J. Tupper, Stamford, all members of the State Central Committee; Town Chairman J. A. H. Robinson, Bridgeport; Harry E. MacKenzie, Bethel; Gerland B. Curtis, Brookfield; John R. Booth, Danbury; Frederick E. Knapp, New Fairfield; Herbert S. Barnes, Redding; Harvey P. Blawie, Westford; J. T. Rogers, Sherman; Frederick E. Silliman, Easton; Elmore S. Banks, Fairfield; John H. Hill, Huntington; Robert Sinclair, Monroe; Wilson M. Reynolds, Newtown; Frank E. Conine, Stratford; John W. French, Trumbull; George D. Clifford, Weston; Frederick M. Salomon, Westport; E. B. Crofut, Darien; George W. Duryea, New Canaan; George W. Ogden, Wilton; and Henry C. Crawford, Greenwich.

SEEK TO ACQUIRE CONTROL OF LONG HILL'S TUNGSTEN

German Interests Said to be Behind Firm Trying to Buy Property.

German interests are believed today to be behind prospective purchase of the Long Hill mines, which through a series of leases and sub-leases, attempts at capitalization and a disastrous fire have become deeply involved in litigation.

It became known today that respective interests in the ownership and leasehold of the mine have been offered favorable terms and a guarantee by Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., that at least \$100,000 will be paid for the re-equipping of a tungsten plant. If trustees of the conflicting interests can be induced to sign a suitable lease, those interested in the property here are Eli C. Beach of Stratford, owner of the property, the Long Hill Quarries Co., operating under a lease and the American Electrical Equipment Co., of New Jersey, sub-lessees.

Melville E. Gray of New York and Spottwood D. Bowers were recently appointed trustees to attempt a solution of the legal tangle into which the property had been thrown.

The trustees have recently submitted proposals for a new lease of the property upon conditions submitted by the big German banking firm of New York. These are now being tentatively discussed, though the names of the persons interested are not divulged by the bankers acting as agents.

Tungsten is used largely in the hardening of steel. It enters largely into high speed tool steel and the manufacture of ordnance.